

Title: Attack or Defend

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I have sometimes heard
men with meaningful
experience in matters
concerning war discuss
the question that if of
two rulers having
approximately equal
strength and the more
aggressive declares war
on the other if it is
more advantageous to be
the attacker or the
defender.

For each course I have
presented arguments and
listed historical examples.
Those who assume one
should always take the
offensive cite the
campaigns of the Orcs in
Yew. Both the orcs and
the people of Yew lived
in relative proximity and
hostilities between them
ran rampant throughout
the history of the two
groups.

Grishnak having spread
terror for years made
the situation desperate
for the people of Yew
who knew much about orc
cruelty and did not mind
the prospect of moving
to the lands of Trammel.
So it was that orcs
were united and used to
the land where Yew was
in shock and fostering a
plan in case of defeat.
With this in mind being
the attacker proved more
advantageous.

Those who favour the
defender often discuss

the battle of Stonegate where the forces of Moonglow defended against an army three times its size without losing more than a handful of soldiers. The reasons for success can be attributed to the fact that the MTC were ready for fighting in Felucca and had practised in mock battles against each other holding and attacking the Moonglow Villa which is now the White Tower.

The forces of Moonglow were smart as they made use of theirs shielded warriors in the front of their column inside of the keep along the main entrance so that the mages and archers behind them would not be targeted by opposing warriors.

The attackers not knowing how to lay siege to the keep used horses and charged the gates. After the initial group fell to the spells and arrows of Moonglow's well guarded mages and archers the horses acted as an additional blockade as the rules of Felucca state that one man can not easily shove though another.

Thus the fact that the attackers were so much more sizable in numbers did not help to bring them victory. It can thus be said that the advantage goes to the defender when holding a structure provided that there are mages to support the defending wall of shields.

Thus in conclusion a successful general is one

who can both use the
land and fear to his or
her advantage.

Attack or defend, as long
as you have confidence
and know how to use the
land to your advantage
the day will be yours.